मलबा बरामद नहीं हुआ है। दूरचालित पायलट रहित वायुयान उत्तर-पश्चिम की तरफ से आया था। परंतु इसके पीछे उसका क्या उद्देश्य था, इसका पता नहीं लगाया जा सका। दोनों देशों के बीच हुए हवाई क्षेत्र उल्लंघन के निवारण संबंधी द्विपक्षीय करार के खिलाफ भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र में हुई इस घुसपैठ का विरोध, राजनयिक माध्यमों द्वारा पाकिस्तान को दर्ज किया गया था। पाकिस्तान सरकार ने अपने वायुयान द्वारा ऐसी कोई घुसपैठ किए जाने से इंकार किया है।

Induction of 'Trishul' with the Armed Forces

462. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Trishul', the Surface to Air Missile was successfully test fired on December 20, 1996;

(b) if so, the main features of the missile and how far it was successful; and

(c) by when the 'Trishul' missiles are likely to be deployed with the armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) /Trishul missile was flight tested on 28th December, 1996.

(b) Trishul is short range quick reaction surface-to-air missile. During the developmental flight test of the missile on 28th December, 1996 after successful take off some deviations were observed. However, the main objective of evaluating the command guidance during initial flight was gone through successfully as per mission requirements. Series of flight trials will be commencing.

(c) Trishul mission will enter the user's trial phase during the second half of 1997 after which it will enter the production and induction phase.

Upgradation of battle tanks

463. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an expert opinion that inspite of several modifications and improvements in the past two years, the MBT Arjun may not meet the basic requirements of availability and dependability; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to upgrade manufacture the time tested Russian T-72 MIS to keep up the battle worthiness of the Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir. The main battle tank (MBT) ARJUN, which has been cleared for production by the Army, is a state-of-the art tank comparable to contemporary world class tanks, which will meet the requirements of availability and dependability.

(b) Upgradation of T-72 (MI) tank is proposed to be done to maximise its useful life span in the Army, concurrently with production and induction of the state-of-the-art MBT ARJUN.

Purchase of Defence Equipments Through PSUs

464. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Defence equipment purchased by Government through the Defence Public Sector Units during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that said deals were negotiated by these Defence Public Sector Units through the agents of foreign manufacturers of defence equipment, who are based in New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Defence Public Sector units have supplied defence